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SUBJ: RETURN OF AIRCRAFT AND AUTOMOBILES

1. AS PART OF EMBASSY'S EFFORT TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH GOM OFFICIALS ON ISSUE OF RETURN OF AIRCRAFT AND AUTOMOBILES, EMBASSY LEGAL ADVISER AND CCS CHIEF ACCOMPANIED JON D. HOLSTINE ON DECEMBER 8 TO MEET WITH FOREIGN RELATIONS UNDER SECRETARY ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ. HOLSTINE IS MINORITY STAFF CONSULTANT ON HOUSE INTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS. (MICHAEL FINLEY, MAJORITY STAFF CONSULTANT TO SAME SUBCOMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND BUT INSTEAD ATTENDED PRISONS WHERE PRISONERS WERE ON HUNGER STRIKE. HE WAS LATER FULLY BRIEFED BY LEGAL ADVISER AND HOLSTINE.)

2. HOLSTINE PRESENTED CONCERN THAT CONGRESS HAD WITH RESPECT TO THE APPARENT INABILITY OF THE GOM TO RESPOND MORE PROMPTLY TO EMBASSY REQUESTS ON AIRCRAFT AND AUTOMOBILE CASES UNDER THE RETURN CONVENTION. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR RECENTLY RELEASED AIRCRAFT.

3. ROSENZWEIG APPEARED WELL BRIEFED AND MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: ON AIRCRAFT PROBLEM:

A) HE RECENTLY DISCOVERED ALL EMBASSY NOTES WERE BEING "HELD IN A DRAWER" AND NOT BEING PASSED ON TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. THIS WAS NOW CORRECTED, HE STATED.

B) HE HAD ENCOUNTERED BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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CUSTOMS AND DEFENSE IN IMPLEMENTING THE TREATY- RESULTING FROM DIFFERENT LEGAL INTERPRETATIONS.

C) HE THOUGHT THE GENERAL PROBLEM WOULD BEST BE

RESOLVED BY RENEGOTIATION OF THE CONVENTION WHICH HE WOULD STUDY. THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WOULD, HE FELT, HELP RESOLVE HIS BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS AND, WITH NEW PROCEEDURAL PROVISIONS, DELAYS COULD BE REDUCED.

4. HOLSTINE OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE IN ENCOURAGING THE U.S. INSURANCE COMPANIES TO GIVE THE EMBASSY MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON A MORE EXPEDITIOUS BASIS. OFFER WAS WELL RECEIVED.

5. ROSENZWEIG REQUESTED EMBASSY SUPPLY HIM WITH LIST OF REQUESTS FOR RETURN OF AUTOMOBILES OUTSTANDING WITH DATES OF NOTES, SERIAL NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS IF POSSIBLE. CCS CHIEF AGREED TO REQUEST.

6. COMMENT: DISCUSSION DEMONSTRATED THAT RELEASE OF LATEST BATCH OF AIRCRAFT RESULTED FROM EMBASSY AS OPPOSED TO PRIVATE EFFORTS. HOLSTINE STATED LATTER HAVE CLAIMED CREDIT AND HE ASSURED EMBASSY OFFICERS HE WOULD CORRECT ERRONEOUS CLAIM.

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